

At page 8, line 3, please delete "minimum" and insert therefor -- minimizing --.

At page 8, line 4, after "restoration" please add -- , on the order --.

At page 8, line 4, after "capacity," please add -- and preferably--.

At page 8, line 5, please delete "with the ability to use."

At page 8, line 8, please delete "connected" and insert therefor -- coupled --.

At page 8, line 17, please delete "a second" and insert therefor -- another --.

At page 8, line 17, after "method" please add -- is described that --.

At page 8, line 23, after "In" please add -- yet --.

At page 8, line 23, after "method" please add -- is described that --.

At page 8, line 24, after "created" please add --between a first node and a second node--.

At page 8, line 28, please delete "one of the plurality of nodes" and insert therefor -- node --.

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At page 11, line 14, after "protocol" please add --is described that--.

At page 11, line 20, please delete "of the present invention."

At page 11, line 27, please delete "this also permits" and insert therefor -- which also supports --.

At page 12, line 4, please delete "one" and insert therefor -- such an --.

At page 12, line 5, after "embodiment" and please insert -- , --.

At page 12, lines 10, 11, and 12, please delete "The directions are most likely to result in a usable route. This has a significant impact on the amount of broadcast traffic used to establish routes in large networks."

At page 12, line 13, please delete "The latter advantage" and insert therefor -- This --.

At page 13, line 2, after "called" please insert -- a --.

At page 14, line 7, please delete "end to end" and insert therefor -- end-to-end --.

At page 14, line 8, please delete "later" and insert therefor -- latter --.

At page 14, line 24, please delete "100" and insert therefor -- 110 --.

At page 18, line 30, after "link-" please insert -- (a blank space).

At page 19, line 21, please delete "node".

At page 24, line 12, please delete "5" and insert therefor --7--.

At page 24, lines 21 and 22, please delete "present invention,".

At page 24, line 22, after "protocol", please insert -- , --.

At page 24, line 30, please delete "is inefficient and" .

At page 25, line 13, after "discussion)" please add --) --.

At page 34, line 21, please delete "Origin" and insert therefor -- origin --.

At page 36, line 13, please delete "Source" and insert therefor -- source --.

At page 36, line 15, please delete "Destination" and insert therefor --destination--.

At page 40, in Table 7, Column 4, Row 3, please delete "1 =" and insert therefor --is not equal to--.

At page 40, in Table 7, Column 4, Row 4, please delete "=" and insert therefor --is equal to--.

At page 42, line 14, after "RPR," please add -- the --.

At page 42, line 15, please delete "filed" and insert therefor -- field --.

At page 42, line 16, after "decremented" please insert --,--.

At page 43, line 6, please delete "UP" and insert therefor --VP--.

At page 44, line 7, please delete "example" and insert therefor -- examples --.

At page 45, line 8, please delete "the protocol defines" ~~pe~~.

At page 46, line 8, after "mechanism" please add -- is defined --. ~~pe~~,

At page 45, line 3, please delete ", while quite adequate,".

At page 47, line 5, please delete "Vps" and insert therefor -- VPs --.

At page 48, line 35, please delete "(not literally, of course)".

At page 49, line 1, please delete "Ready" and insert therefor -- *Ready* --.

At page 50, line 18, please delete "of an example of the protocol".

At page 50, line 24, please delete "counter-parts" and insert therefor -- counterparts--.

At page 50, line 28, please delete "17-20" and insert therefor --17-21--.

At page 52, line 3, to Table 11, please add the following rows:

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GET_LSA	7	Get LSA information from other nodes
CREATE_PATH	8	Create Virtual Path

At page 52, line 13, please delete "Initialization" and insert therefor -- initialization--.

At page 55, line 1, please delete "zero-byte" and insert therefor -- zero byte --.

At page 55, line 22, please delete "Source" and insert therefor --source --.

At page 55, line 26, please delete "Restore Path" and insert therefor --restore path--.

At page 56, line 8, please delete "an" and insert therefor --a--.

At page 56, line 9, please delete "of a protocol according to the present invention"

At page 56, line 15, please delete "Source" and insert therefor --source--.

At page 57, line 5, please delete "Restore" and insert therefor --Create--.